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Howard urges federal Food Stamp Program reforms

In his capacity as American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) president, Michigan Family Independence Agency director Douglas E. Howard, today showed association support of federal legislation designed to reform the Food Stamp Program. Howard attended a Washington, D.C. news conference hosted by U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, who proposed reforms contained in the Farm Bill to be introduced tomorrow.

“The Lugar package would simplify program administration, expand program access and provide more help to working families,” said Howard. The reforms are needed to remove red tape and eliminate existing barriers for working families, the elderly and the disabled.

“Over the years, the Food Stamp Program has grown in complexity and incompatibility with other assistance programs. This package is a win for those who participate in the program, those who administer the program and taxpayers who expect targeted, effective services. APHSA urges the Senate to adopt this full package and secure these long-overdue improvements in this vital assistance program.”

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